



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
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87-A.		Favor	Bruce L Silverstein	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER
			Cecilia V Estolano	My name is Cecilia Estolano and I was displaced from my home on Calaveras Street in Altadena by the Eaton Canyon Fire. I am also a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission for a Climate Resilient and Fire Safe Recovery. I Co-chaired the Land Use Working Group and was a member of the Governance and Finance Working Groups. I strongly support the Motion as an important step in creating a Rebuilding Authority with the extraordinary powers necessary to accelerate and direct an efficient, equitable, and coordinated recovery. Without such an Authority Altadena will continue to see unimpeded land speculation, and the rebuilding of homes, apartments and businesses will be uncoordinated, uneven and delayed. We need an Authority to ensure that Altadenans and Palisadeans who were displaced are able to return to their beloved communities expeditiously.
			Edward Cannan	I am a 25-year Altadena homeowner/resident, whose home was destroyed by the Eaton Fire. While there may be some unintended consequences arising from the adoption of Agenda 87-A., I am in favor of it based on what I know at this time. Although the County's Altadena recovery efforts are not perfect, I am grateful for having benefitted from some of the actions implemented by the County to help Altadena, including the so-called free debris removal program. Now that my lot is cleared, it is time to start the long, costly process to build my new, like-for-like home. However, my insurance claim proceeds are expected to be barely sufficient, so I will need every penny to see the construction through to completion. Therefore, I request that the County BOS immediately approve a temporary, limited plan to waive all Altadena residential building fees for permitting, planning, and other related actions. For instance, the fee-waiver period may run for three years beginning 1/7/2025 and the waiver could be limited to homeowners like me who will build on their existing residential lots. Further, the County could offset the lost fee revenue by charging higher building fees to individual buyers, corporations, and LLCs from outside Altadena who have purchased lots from previous Altadena homeowners.



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87-A.		Favor	Jonathan J Parfrey	<p>My name is Jonathan Parfrey. I am CEO of Climate Resolve. I am privileged to serve as a member of LA County's Blue Ribbon Commission on wildfire recovery.</p> <p>I write in support of the motion. In fact, key concepts underlying the motion were suggested by the Commission.</p> <p>The unprecedented urban conflagration that afflicted our County in January, demands a strong response by the County. There are many property-owners in unincorporated LA County whose lots were uninsured or under-insured. Unfortunately, these people may choose to not rebuild. They may abandon a home held by their family for multiple generations. In order to maintain the continuity and spirit of the neighborhood, sometime must be done.</p> <p>The resolution asks County Counsel to investigate how to best establish an authority that could help LA County residents in their recovery. The authority must be able to develop community-level resiliency measures, especially with an eye on making communities insurable. The authority should further be able to issue bonds, develop public/private partnerships — and directly oversee the buying and selling of property and managing construction projects.</p> <p>There is precedence of constituting authorities to coordinate large scale disaster recovery in previous crises, such as following the Northridge earthquake of 1994.</p> <p>We are in such a crisis today — I implore you to please support the motion to help jumpstart the recovery.</p>
			Michael Rochmes	
			Russell Goldsmith	<p>The extraordinary challenges and opportunities created by the unprecedented and tragic devastation of the Palisades and Eaton fires require an extraordinary response by the County, the state and the cities involved to create a single authority (or two) that are empowered with significant powers, funding and skills, including public and private sector experts and a highly qualified CEO plus a small staff fully focused just on these issues to act wisely and quickly to effectively re-build these communities quickly, cost effectively, fairly and in a more resilient and creative manner than having to work through all of the complexities and costs and time that uncoordinated efforts working through normal bureaucratic procedures would achieve. Please see the detailed discussion from the County's Blue Ribbon Commission.</p>

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87-A.		Favor	Sarah Wolf	I lost my home in the Eaton Fire. As an Altadena resident in unincorporated LA County, there is no other organization other than LA County that could step in as the Palisades and Eaton Fire Rebuilding Authority. Streamlining rebuilding will be crucial for community recovery. I'm especially in favor of the County stepping in to buy lots for land banking and coordinating building standards, setbacks, and community scale fire hardening for insurability.
		Item Total	7	
Grand Total			7	

Honorable Supervisors,

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In connection with all of the foregoing, I note that Supervisor Horvath has worked tirelessly since her election to represent the interests of her constituents, which include the residents of the City of Malibu. In the past, the City of Malibu and its residents have been overlooked by some of their representatives, whose jurisdiction encompass a large area of which the City of Malibu is but a relatively small portion. Unlike those prior representatives, Supervisor Horvath has consistently considered the interests of the City of Malibu and its residents, along with the interests of the other municipalities within the Third District – which also includes the City of Los Angeles. The Supervisor's motion to study the feasibility of the County serving as a Rebuilding Authority across all jurisdictions impacted by the January 2025 wildfires is but one example of her genuine and even-handed concern and consideration for all of her constituents without regard to their political pull.

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Jun 2, 2025

To: County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

**RE: Item 87-A, Legal Pathways to Los Angeles County Serving as the Palisades and Eaton Fire Rebuilding Authority - SUPPORT**

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the US Green Building Council - California, I am writing to express support for Item 87-A, Legal Pathways to Los Angeles County Serving as the Palisades and Eaton Fire Rebuilding Authority. Establishing the County as Rebuilding Authority will support a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable recovery in these communities.

USGBC California's deep bench of members are sustainability and green building professionals with a strong commitment to addressing climate change and other local, state, and international environmental issues. Our members are designers, engineers, public agency and utility staff, consultants, product manufacturers, and service providers. Our goals include advancing impactful solutions to address our urgent environmental and social challenges.

Establishing a Resilient Rebuilding Authority is one of the most urgent recommendations identified by the [Blue Ribbon Commission for Climate Action and Fire-Safe Recovery](#) established by Supervisor Horvath because a community-wide approach is needed to limit displacement, address labor shortages, and achieve resilience measures that will protect the communities in the future and enhance insurability.

A Rebuilding Authority can help reduce the costs and delays of rebuilding for individual residents and businesses by coordinating design and construction. More broadly, it can improve resilience and insurability for the entire community by enabling acquisition of properties that could be used for community mitigation measures and implementing recommendations on maximizing structural spacing. By delivering as many rental and owned options as existed prior to the fires and providing returning residents with first look options, the Rebuilding Authority can reduce displacement.

The Rebuilding Authority should also be able to administer and/or issue bonds and other financial instruments, control costs through bulk purchasing and coordinating logistics and work with utilities to strengthen key infrastructure systems.

Having a Rebuilding Authority that covers all areas affected by the January 2025 fires can prevent exacerbating inequality between communities and streamline the process.

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